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Location: .05 miles northeast of South Grand River, .45 miles west of Little Tebo Creek, approximately 4 miles northwest of Warsaw, Warsaw Vicinity, Benton County, Missouri

USGS Shawnee Bend Quadrangle, UTM 15.463380.4238180

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Samuel Kinkead house is a fine example of a large two-story L-plan house. It is typical of its period and locale in the use of the peaked window and door lintels, and quite extraordinary for the treatment of the facade with its unusual six-bay, two-door design.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: circa 1882
2. Architect: Not known
3. Original and subsequent owners: SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 36 Township 41 N Range 23 W. House stood originally in SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 36 41 23. The original site was deeded by Albert Kinkead to his son, Samuel, March 23, 1882 (35:383). The land where the house now stands was purchased by Samuel Kinkead from James F. Land, June 3, 1903 (89:13).
4. Original plan and construction: The house was originally two stories with two rooms on each floor. The stairway was located in the northwest corner of the south room.
5. Alterations and additions: The house was moved from its original site across the road to the east circa 1903; the family camped out the spring and summer during which the house was moved (Gregory). At that time, the house was set on the partial basement and the rear addition was then built. The south door, opening on the stair hall, came to be the "front" door.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

Milton Kinkead came from Kentucky in 1832 and was one of the first settlers on the Little Tebo. Milton's son Albert went to California in 1859 and returned to Missouri in 1861 by way of Cape Horn and New York. Now a wealthy man, he became a director of the Osage Valley Bank. His son, Samuel, built this house. It was last owned by his son, Samuel, Jr., who lived in Wichita and used it for a vacation home.

C. Sources of Information:

Deed books 35:383, 89:13 in the Registry of Deeds, Benton County Courthouse, Warsaw.

Interviews:

Chadwick Gregory, Warsaw, Missouri, August 4, 1977. Grandson of Samuel Kinkead, Sr.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: A fine example of a two-story L-plan house. The peaked window and door lintels are common to the area, while the six bays across the original front are an unusual feature.
2. Condition of fabric: Very poor. The stairway is missing, as are many of the windows and all of the doors. The house has been uninhabited for several years and has been considerably vandalized.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This two-story L-plan house has a four-bay front, 38'7" wide, by 28'3" deep.
2. Foundations: There is a concrete perimeter beam and concrete lined basement under the northeast room, with access from a stairway leading down within the rear porch.
3. Wall construction: Weatherboarding with cornerboards, painted white.
4. Structural system: Balloon framing. Rafters meet at ridge with no ridge beam.
5. Porches: The screened porch in the northwest corner fills out the L-plan to a full rectangle. The floor is a concrete slab and the well is located in the northwest corner. There are concrete steps in front of the south (front) and southeast doors, but no step to the northeast door.
6. Chimneys: There are three interior brick stove chimneys, one in each gable end, and round flue openings for stoves on both floors.
7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The doorways on the east and south sides are topped by projecting lintels with low triangular pediments.
 - b. Windows: All window openings except those on the inside faces of the rear ell are topped by projecting lintels with low projecting pediments. The first-level windows and those at the second level of the gable ends have four-over-four-light double hung sashes. The other second-level windows are four-paned casements opening out.

8. Roof: Gable roof with wood shingles. The shingles continue beneath the ridge of the rear wing's gable roof.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans:

- a. Basement: The basement, under part of the northeast room only, is entered from the porch.
- b. First floor: The first floor of the east wing has two equal-sized rooms, each with its own front door flanked by windows. The stair hall in the center separates the main room in the west, probably a kitchen, from the east, originally front, two rooms. In the northwest corner is a porch.
- c. Second floor: The second floor has the same configuration as the lower floor except that both east rooms open onto the stair hall. There is a curving partition between the doors to the stair hall to allow separate doors for each east room onto the stair hall.

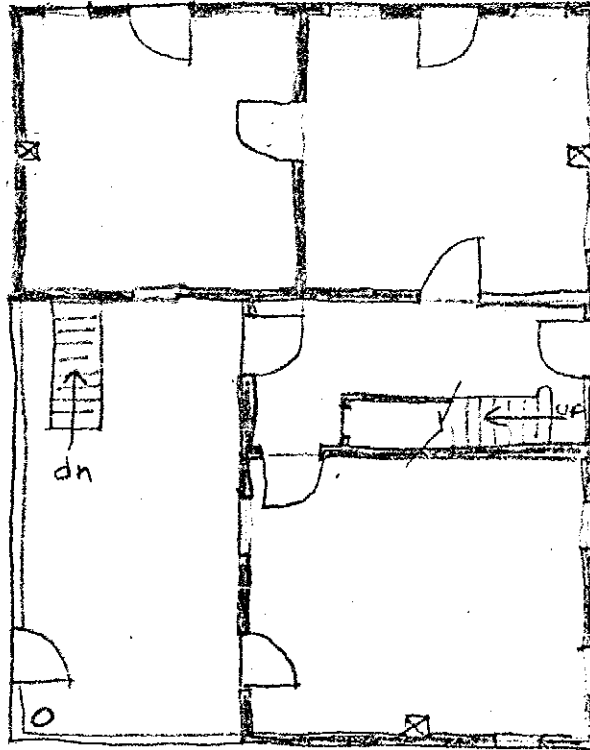
2. Stairway: The stairway along the west wall of the stair hall rises to the second floor in a straight run. The stairs, hand rail, and stair-well railing on the second floor are missing. Formerly, an L-shaped stair was located in the northwest corner of the south front room, as there is evidence of floorboards repalced in this corner. The stairway must have started up along the west wall just inside the rear door, turned at the corner and continued up along the interior partition to the second floor. This stairway served the four rooms of the original front portion of the house before the house was moved to its present location and before the rear wing was added.

3. Flooring: Wood tongue-and-groove flooring 5 3/4" wide in the original east portion and 3" wide in the addition on the west.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Paint and wallpaper over plaster on wood lath.

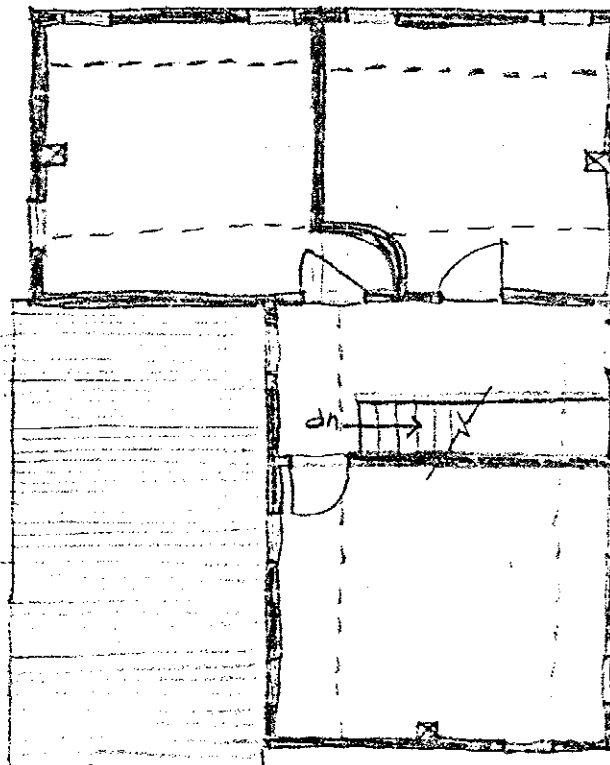
D. Site: House faces east on a hill above the South Grand River.

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SECOND FLOOR KINKEAD HOUSE #313

PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

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